

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Social Work, Atkinson College, York University, Toronto, ON (1990)  
Bachelor of Arts, (Psychology), York University, Toronto, ON (1988)

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Shadows on the Ceiling: a memoir of disability & abuse**  
**A narative-nonfiction. Sureen Publishing 2010**

**Aunt Scarlett's Farm:**

Children's Novel (6-12 yrs).

A profile of childhood disability adjustment and schoolyard bullying. 2004 Sureen Publishing.  
CDRC- Grant provided by Ronald McDonld House Foundation

**CMT...today:**

An international bi-monthly disease magazine highlighting recent medical research, personal well-ness and disability adjustment. 2002-2004, Sureen Publishing.

CDRC - Grant provided by HRDC Disability Opportunities Fund.

**if...magazine:**

Quarterly Guelp-Wellington community magazine promoting awareness of persons with disabilities. 2000-2002, Sureen Publishing.

CDRC - Grant provided by Trillium Foundation & HRDC

**S.O.S. Steps to Access Social Services:**

Workbook manual outlining a "how to" process of the social service system. 1994, Sureen Publishing.

**Funding Facts for Canadian Disabled Students:**

Canadian directory of financial and academic post- secondary supports. 1987, Sureen Publishing.

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## AWARDS

**2001 Women of Distinction**

YM-YWCA: Annual community recognition award for women.  
Business/professional category sponsored by: Co-Operators,  
Guelph-Wellington.

**1995 Women on the Move**

Toronto Sun Newspaper: National recognition award for personal  
and professional achievement.

**1989 Alumni Award**

York University: Atkinson College.

**1988 Author Recognition**

Association of Professional Program Planners for Post- Secondary  
Education: US organization

Education/Professional

Cultivating an Accessible Workplace

Author of - Online 12 lesson educational course.  
University of Guelph, Open Learning Dept. (released 2010)

Bullying & Disability

90 min. author presentations, public schools  
Erin, ON; Hillsburgh, ON; Long Island, NY; Johns Town, Pennsylvania

Vulnerability: Women with Disabilities

90 min. workshop  
University of Guelph, Women Studies, Guelph ON

Unraveling the Puzzle of Living with Disability

4 -1 hr. workshop series  
Easter Seals Teen Program, Hamilton, ON

Relationships: Sexuality & Disability

3 - 3 hr. workshop series  
Easter Seals Teen Program, Hamilton, ON

3R's of Abuse: Recognition, Response & Reducing

3 hr. workshop  
Community Development Provincial Conference, Belleville, ON  
Association for Community Living National Conference, Barrie, ON

Sex and Disability: Breaking the Chain of Shame

1.5 hr. workshop  
Cerebral Palsy National Conference, Brantford, ON  
University of Guelph, Sex Educators/Therapists Conference, Guelph, ON  
Sex Therapist Conference, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON  
Easter Seals National Parent Conference, Port Colborne, ON

Adolescence & Disability: Classroom Support Strategies

3 hr. workshop  
Niagara School Board, Professional Development Conference, Niagara, ON

Program Design & Implementation of University Special Needs Office

3 hr. workshop  
University Professional Educators International Conference, Innsbrook, Austria\*  
Ministry of Education National Conference, Saint John, New Brunswick  
Ministry of Colleges & University National Conference, St. John's, Newfoundland

Employment Equity: Work-able Policies and Practices,

90 min. workshop  
OTAB planning committee, Toronto, ON  
Minister's Employment Steering Committee, Ottawa, ON  
March of Dimes, Vocational Counselors Forum, Thorold, ON

## Medical/Professional

### Understanding CMT: Inside and Out

45 min. seminar

National Neurology Association Conference, Atlanta, GA

### CMT: Beyond Medicine

3 hr. workshop

International Neurologist & Patient Conference, Johnstown, PA

### But for the Grace of god go I...

30 min. motivational speech

National Research Committee, Congress Committee, Washington, DC

## Travel/Professional

### Sale-ability: Servicing Consumers with Disabilities

2 hr. workshop

West Coast Travel Conference, San Diego, CA

National Assoc. for Cruise Travel Agents, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Canadian Institute of Travel Counselors Conference, Toronto, ON

Sheridan College, Oakville, ON

International Society of Travel Educators, Cleveland, OH

## Motivation Speeches

### Walk a Mile in my Shoes

30 min. Fundraising event, Amaganset, New York

### Walk the Talk

30 min. Women on the Move Award, Toronto Sun Newspaper, Toronto, ON

### Lead by Example

8 min. Women of Distinction Award, YWCA, Wellington County, ON

### Magazine Community Launch,

30 min. Disability Resource Council, River Run Theatre, Guelph, ON

## Television & Radio

Accessibility Matters, Host, CFRU 93.3fm Guelph

New York Cable Television, Long Island, NY, 5 min PSA

Toronto Today Show, CFTO T.V., Scarborough, ON, 15 min

Women's Network, Rogers Cable T.V., Toronto, ON, 30 min

Sue Johanson Show, Rogers Cable T.V., Toronto, ON, 30 min

97.03 Easy FM Radio, Toronto, ON, 10 min

CBZ 101.5 FM Radio, Saint John, New Brunswick, 10 min

WBGW 105.9 FM Radio, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 10 min

WOR-AM 710, Long Island, 5 min

WMTZ 96.5 FM Radio, Johnstown, PA, 10 min

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